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JOINT EMBASSY/USOM MESSAGE

Appears GOL consideration reorganization plan merge LARC, LPD and SA, development council nearing definitives stage. US role to date limited affirmative but personal anticipation director/USOM on drafting committee. Believes situation now requires official expression US position, particularly re abolition LARC. While previous messages have indicated general State/ICA approval reorganization, request specific authorization:

(A) Express officially US concurrence in principle and willingness support GOL measures establish single central agency with requisite powers plan, coordinate, finance and supervise national development program;

(B) Indicate willingness consider favorably necessary revisions US/GOL agreements which assume existence of LARC (i.e., agreements pursuant economic aid agreement of 1954 covering special funds and ICA FY 1958 and prior year PROAGS) to insure orderly transfer LARC resources to new agency;

(C) Secure our discretion best possible specific legal and organizational arrangement.

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